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1. CARTER'S ENERGY PROPOSAL: WEEKLY PRO-PSD "EXPRESSO"
OF APRIL 22 PUBLISHED LENGTHY REPORT ON PROPOSAL TO
CONGRESS UNDER HEADLINE, "ASKING AMERICANS TO SAVE
ENERGY: CARTER ANNOUNCES BEGINNING OF ERA OF 'THIN
COWS'". INTRODUCTION BY STAFFER A. MARTINS LOPES
SAID CARTER'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS WAS IMPORTANT
"BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST LEADER OF A COUNTRY TO HAVE
THE COURAGE (OR WAS IT OBLIGATION?) TO SAY THIS, TO
PUT THE PROBLEM NOT IN TERMS OF FANCY ECONOMICS BUT
IN TERMS OF SURVIVAL OF A CERTAIN KIND OF SOCIETY..."
WRITER COMPLAINED THAT CARTER'S PROPOSAL "WAS NOT TO
PREPARE HIS COUNTRY TO ENTER IN A NEW KIND OF
CIVILIZATION WHICH INEVITABLY WILL BE BORN WHEN
PETROLEUM AND OTHER PRIME MATERIALS ARE USED UP. IT
LOOKS ONLY TOWARD HOLDING DOWN CONSUMPTION TO PROLONG
AS LONG AS POSSIBLE THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS, THE
PRESENT SOCIETY OF CONSUMPTION..."

2. NATO: IQBAL AHMED, FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR OF PRO-
GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS," HAS PRODUCED HIS FIRST
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ARTICLE BASED ON MATERIALS GATHERED DURING RECENT
USIA FOREIGN PRESS CENTER TOUR OF NATO-RELATED U.S.
DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS. ARTICLE PUBLISHED WITH
HIS BYLINE IN APRIL 25 EDITION WAS HEADLINED, "NATO'S
WEAK POINTS AND THE WARSAW PACT THREAT." DESCRIBING IN
GREAT DETAIL GROWTH OF WARSAW PACT STRENGTH, AHMED WROTE:
"TODAY IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT NATO CONVENTIONAL FORCES ARE

GREATLY SURPASSED, IN FORCES AND SUPPLIES, BY THOSE
OF THE WARSAW PACT, THIS IS A MATTER OF SERIOUS
CONCERN AMONG THE (NATO) ALLIES ... NEVER BEFORE IN
ITS 28-YEAR HISTORY HAS THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE FACED
SO MANY CHALLENGES AND OPTIONS REGARDING ITS FUNDAMENTAL
PRINCIPLE -- DEFENDING DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND THE
INDEPENDENCE OF ITS MEMBERS..."
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